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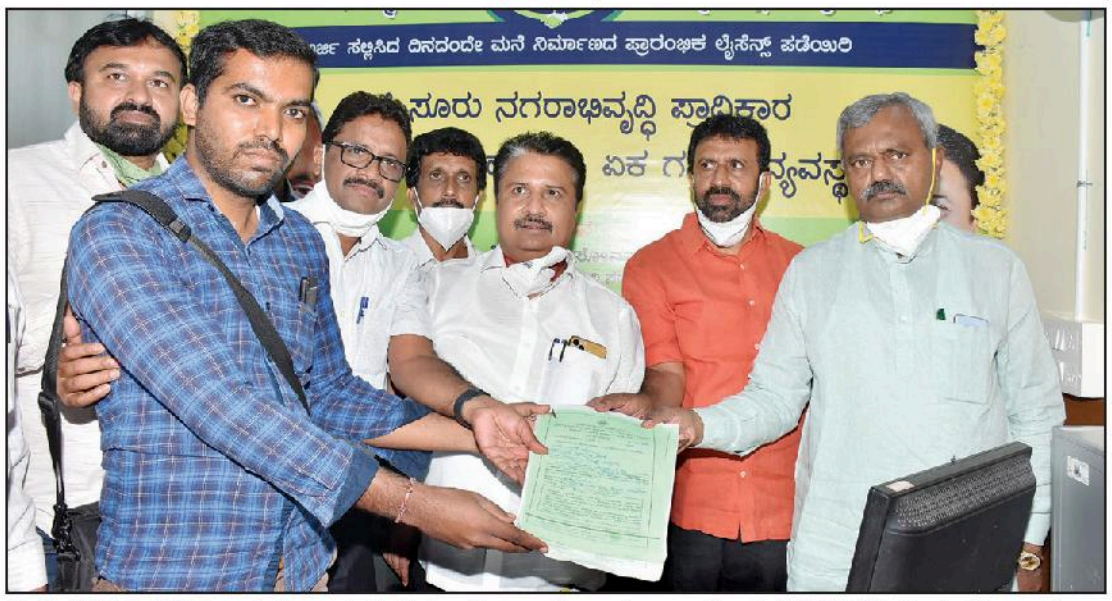

District Minister S.T. Somashekar symbolically handing over licence to an applicant at MUDA Office in city this morning as MLA L. Nagendra, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, MUDA Member SBM Manju and others look on.

Namma Mane - Namma Licence services

- Building plan for construction of new building and extension of existing building
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- All documents must be enclosed along with duly-filled application form
- Bank challan must be submitted after calculation of cost by MUDA officials

Mysuru, Dec.17 (RK&SSV)- For the first time in Karnataka State, the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has launched 'Namma Mane - Namma Licence' service that will help people to get building plan approved within a day.

Henceforth, citizens need not run from pillar to post or grease the palm of officials to get the MUDA building plan approved. If all documents submitted are perfect, then people can collect the licence to build the house within a day. This single window Over The Counter-Service (OTC-S) Kiosk established in the first floor of MUDA Office, adjacent to Bank of Baroda, was opened this morning by Co-operation and District Minister S.T. Somashekar in the presence of MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh and MLA L.Nagendra.

(See LICENCE on page 7)

Road-cutters beware ! MCC is watching

Both Public and Govt. agencies will be penalised

Road cut by CESC to lay underground cable and left unfilled since two months on Jodithenginamara Road in Bannimantap.

Mysuru, Dec. 17 (SPN&SSV)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner's strict warning against road-cutters is taken with a pinch of salt with different agencies damaging the blacktop and concrete roads in the name of repair or laying new pipelines.

MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde's warning came in the wake of complaints from citizens regarding unauthorised cutting of asphalted roads to lay underground power cables, water and UGD pipelines without permission. The road-cutters are not only individuals but are also certain Government agencies. They cut the road and leave it without filling it. Even the MCC Area Inspector or Engineer do not bother to penalise such individuals.

Recently, an individual had cut Vivekanandanagar-Manandawadi link Road in Kuvempunagar to take UGD connection. Roads are usually dug during night that too on weekends to hoodwink officials. In Kuvempunagar incident, though the local officer was informed about illegal cutting of road, no action was initiated, alleged Nagendra, a social worker.

(See ROAD on page 7)

> Construction activity has picked up following decline in COVID-19 intensity in city. It has come to my notice that some private individuals are cutting roads to take new connection for water, electricity and UGD. MCC is not getting revenue by the way of road-cutting fee due to involvement of some lower rank officials. Stern action will be taken against private persons and guilty officials."
>
> **— MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde**

Over 5,000 COVID-19 tests conducted daily

Mysuru, Dec. 17 (RKB&KS)- With a given target of 4,500 samples to be tested on daily basis, COVID-19 Testing Centres across the city are testing over 5,000 samples in a day.

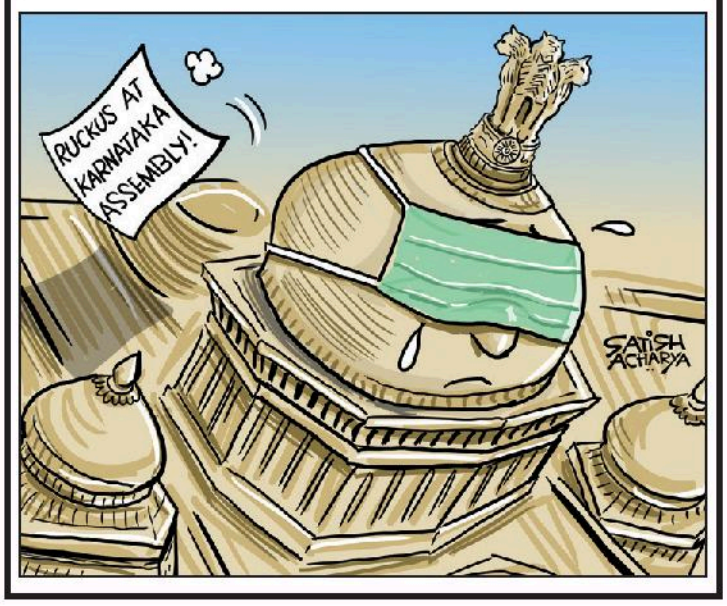
There are over 20 testing centres in city, 42 in rural places, 4-5 mobile testing teams in city and 4-5 in every taluk. While the Lab at Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) is testing 3,000 to 4,000 samples per day, the CFTRI Testing Lab at Panchakarma Hospital on KRS Road is testing 1,000 samples a day, according to sources at District Health Office (DHO).

According to statistics, on Dec. 14, 5,553 samples were tested in the district out of which 56 samples turned positive. On Dec. 15, 6,660 samples tested and 35 positive cases detected and on Dec. 16, out of 6,049 samples 47 tested positive.

DHO sources added that most of the positive cases were from rural places in the taluk and attributed it for not following COVID safety measures such as wearing face masks, sanitising hands or washing with soap frequently and maintaining social distancing.

(See COVID on page 7)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



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Mysuru, Thursday 17th December 2020

JSS Varsity ties up with Australia-India

Water Centre to tackle global water challenges

Mysuru, Dec. 17- JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU), Mysuru, recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Australia-India Water Centre (AIWC) to be one of the 15 Indian Universities partnering with 9 Universities from Australia.

Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, is the lead Institute from India while Western Sydney University is leading from the Australian side. This collaboration will strive to develop longer-term collaboration in water research and improve water management for sustainable economic development focussing on water and food security, river health, water-energy-food nexus and related aspects of mutual benefits to Australia and India.

AIWC was launched virtually on Nov.6, 2020 in the virtual presence of High Commissioners from India and Australia, Ministers from Central and State Governments, Directors, and many other dignitaries.

This collaboration will provide the faculty and students of JSS STU an international joint research platform to work and contribute in important domain of water resource management and other trans-disciplinary areas. This will result in outcomes including the development of tools and techniques to tackle future water and food security challenges including improved management of groundwater, springs, storm water and coastal reservoirs.

The proposed establishment of a joint Master's level programme in water resources management will benefit students and professionals. Student and staff exchange programmes under this initiative will enhance international exposure of students and staff to cutting edge technology in water resource management. Capacity building programmes including conduct of conferences, seminars, workshops and training with the support of resources from premier national and international institutions will strengthen water management initiatives in the region, according to a press release from the Varsity.

Kasturba Gandhi Awardees

Mysuru, Dec.17- Sri Shivarathreeshwara Mahila Samaja has organised a programme at JSS Women's College Auditorium here on Dec. 19 at 10.30 am to confer Kasturba Gandhi Award on six women achievers. The award seeks to recognise works of distinction and is given for exceptional achievements in different fields of activities and disciplines.

The following personalities have been selected for the award: Sunanda Palanetra, Dr. Indukala Urs, Dr. B.S. Seethalakshmi, Leela Vasudev, Shashikala Subbanna and Sabike Nooba.

Member of Mysuru Zilla Kannada Jagruti Samiti Dr. M.G.R. Urs will confer the awards to achievers. Former Minister C.H. Vijayashankar will inaugurate. Former MLC Thontadarya will offer floral tributes to the portrait of Dr. Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji. District Chutuku Sahitya Parishat Hon. President Maddikere Gopal will preside. President of District Sharana Sahitya Parishat M. Chandrashekar and Sri Shivarathreeshwara Mahila Samaja President Dr. Ratna Halappa Gowda will be the chief guests, according to a release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The public health systems should also be held accountable for their performance in ensuring adequate services of reasonable quality, and continuity of care. The goal should be to create interconnected systems incorporating early warning systems and information sharing in real time to manage routine functioning and contain the crises. Greater accountability is needed to ensure that funds and power allotted are subjected to proper checks and balances and audits. With increased allocations, autonomy and greater accountability, the public health system can be reconfigured to ensure healthier, resilient societies with proactive measures to tackle future pandemics. COVID-19 is a reminder to invest in public health. We can only ignore this call at the cost of another looming pandemic. *— Giridhara R. Babu in The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

6-year-old spends $16,000 on mobile video game

Connecticut: A Connecticut mother was shocked to find that her 6-year-old boy used her credit card to spend a small fortune on his favorite smartphone game over a couple of months.

Jessica Johnson, a real-estate broker from Wilton, Connecticut, discovered that substantial sums of money were being deducted from her Chase account by Apple and PayPal. Thinking it was a mistake or fraud, the 41-year-old mother-of-one called the bank and ended up filing a fraud claim in July. By that time, her suspicious credit card charges had reached a whopping $16,293.10, but it wasn't until October that her bank told her that the charges were legit and she needed to contact Apple.

Johnson realised that the money had been spent by her six-year-old son after contacting Apple and seeing a list of credit card charges. As Jessica nor her husband didn't activate any preventive settings on her account, 6-year-old George was able to use her credit card to buy thousands of dollars-worth of booster packs in his favorite mobile video game, Sonic Forces.

Woman attracted to inanimate objects marries briefcase

Moscow: A 24-year-old woman from Moscow in Russia, met her husband, Gideon, five years ago, at a hardware store, while shopping for photoshoot props. Gideon just looked irresistible, so she ended up buying "him" and the rest is history. Gideon is a metallic briefcase...

Rain Gordon, a nursery school teacher, claims that her fascination with inanimate objects began at a very young age and believed that everything around her had a soul. In her early teenage years, she fell in love with a new shopping center that opened in her home city. Rain is now opening up about her love story with Gideon in order to break down the misconceptions.

HEALTH CAPSULE

It is best to stretch before and after your workout to help maintain and improve flexibility. It is also recommended you avoid high-impact exercises like running if you have orthopaedic issues. Walking with weights or stretch bands are a great way to build up strength without putting unwanted pressure on your joints.

By Dr. Ravi Kiran - Consultant Orthopaedics

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Mysuru

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	47
Total positive cases	:	51,551
Discharges yesterday	:	47
Total discharges	:	50,196
Deaths yesterday	:	0
Total deaths	:	1,006
Total active cases	:	349

Mandya

Positive cases yesterday	:	32
Total positive cases	:	19,111
Total discharges	:	18,736
Total deaths	:	147
Total active cases	:	228

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	17
Total positive cases	:	6,586
Total discharges	:	6,370
Total deaths	:	116
Total active cases	:	89

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	46
Total positive cases	:	5,558
Total discharges	:	5,323
Total deaths	:	69
Total active cases	:	166

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	34
Total positive cases	:	27,619
Total discharges	:	26,905
Total deaths	:	389
Total active cases	:	325

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1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.00
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.83

VOICE OF THE READER

Traffic offence by juveniles and hitting medians

Sir,

This has reference to the tragic death of three of a family near Dandi Maramma Temple on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road when a car driven by a minor hit the median and jumped to the other side of the road and hit the two-wheeler coming from the other side *(Star of Mysore* dated Dec.11). Next, it was reported that N.R. Traffic Police have registered a case under IPC Section 304 and the father was remanded to judicial custody.

The Motor Vehicles Act (Amendment) September 2019 provides the following for the offence committed by the juvenile:

Hefty penalties for violating traffic norms, including a Rs. 25,000 fine and may face three years of imprisonment to Guardian/owner for an offence committed by a juvenile. Guardian/owner shall be deemed to be guilty of offences by juveniles.

Additionally, the registration of the motor vehicle will be cancelled, and the juvenile will be tried under JJ Act.

Juvenile committing such an offence will not be eligible to get driving licence or learners licence until the age of 25 years.

It is reported that many accidents happen hitting the medians. Prof. Dinesh Mohan, a Transportation expert of international repute, needs to be consulted for he has commented on median issue.

In this connection, I wish to mention that during my recent visit to Bengaluru on Mysuru-Bengaluru road which is being widened to 10 lanes, absence of road signs and markings were noticed in some places. Since it is under construction, it is doubly necessary to pay attention to this problem and more particularly during night-time for many accidents happen during late night driving or early morning.

—H.R. Bapu Satyanarayana, retired Chief Engineer
Saraswathipuram
15.12.2020

Nagaswara Concert at Ganabharathi tomorrow

Shreedhar *Nagesh* *Rajesh* *Ajay Kumar*

Mysuru, Dec. 17- Ganabharathi has organised a Nagaswara concert by Vidwan Melukote M.G. Shreedhar and M.Y. Nagesh on Dec.18 at 6 pm at Veene Seshanna Bhavan in Kuvempunagar. They will be accompanied on the tavil by Vidwan H.C. Rajesh and Vidwan M.V. Ajay Kumar. All the music-lovers are requested to attend the concert and make the programme a success.

The programme will be live on both Ganabharathi Facebook page and Youtube.

Melukote M.G. Shreedhar hails from a family of musicians. He learnt Nagaswaram both from his grandfather Vidwan S.Nagaraj as well as from his father M.N. Ganesh. He is a 'B High' graded artiste of AIR. He has performed in a number of prestigious organisations and is a recipient of many awards like *Karnataka Vibhushana*.

Melukote M.Y. Nagesh is the son of M.N.Yoganarasimha. He is the Asthana Vidwan of the Cheluvanarayana Temple. He has performed in a number of prestigious sabhas all over the State and has earned many accolades.

Vidwan M.V. Ajay Kumar is an experienced Tavil player. He is the son of Vidwan Venkatakrishna. He has performed all over the world in different forums. He is a highly sought after musician.

Vidwan H.C. Rajesh is the son of the Nagaswara artiste H.T. Chandru. He is the disciple of the veteran Tavil artiste Vidwan R. Rajakumar and world renowned tavil player Vidwan Dr. Palanivel. He has performed in all the important music venues and is a very busy artiste. For details contact T. S. Venugopal, Secretary, Ganabharathi on Mob: 99000-82773.

City students excel in "Young Inventors Challenge"

Mysuru, Dec. 17- Two teams from city-based Excel Public School (EPS) received Silver Award at the "Young Inventors Challenge (YIC) – Special Edition 2020", an international competition for high school students, organised by the Association of Science Technology and Innovation (ASTI), Malaysia, working towards empowering young generation's interest in science through hands-on experiences.

Of the total 122 teams from nine countries shortlisted for final round, the EPS Teams were the only ones from India. The winners of this eight-month-long event (May to Dec. 2020) were declared in an online awards ceremony on Dec. 5. The YIC process included team formation, choosing the invention concept, researching and initiating the project, and preparing a proposal document.

Teams that were shortlisted underwent training on Sustainable Development Goals, Criteria for Invention Prototype, and so on. Based on these training, teams developed their invention and presented it to the expert panel through the viva session.

Two winning teams from India, represented by students of Excel Public School, are *"Le Cinq"* comprising K.V. Arun Balan, Arnav Ajay Kulkarni, Siddhanth Pingili, K. Tejas Sai, and Samarth Sastry of grade 8 and *"Virtuous Aura"* comprising Divijaa Arjun, Aditi Bhat, Akanksha Poovaiah and Eshanya Parvathi of grade 9.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Pratibha Puraskar

Sri Kanakadasa Credit Co-operative Society has invited applications from meritorious children of its members to present Pratibha Puraskar, to be distributed during its Annual General Body Meeting on Dec. 25. Students who have scored high marks in SSLC and PUC exams are eligible to apply. Last date to submit applications along with copies of marks card and passbook of the society is Dec. 18.

Free Yoga Camp

Paramahamsa Yoga Mahavidyalaya, in association with SPM Dance and Fitness Studio is organising a free Ashtanga Yoga, Hata Yoga, Advanced Yoga, Therapeutic Yoga, Yoga for losing weight, Yogic Counselling, classical and light music, Bharatanatyam, Aerobics, Zumba and dance camp for kids from Dec. 21 to Dec. 25 at the studio premises, SR Complex, 2nd floor, Sarvodaya Road, Ramakrishnanagar. Call Mob: 90355-06790 or 90087-27172.

Kannada Vikasa Ratna awardee

Karnataka Rajya Vokkaligara Vikasa Vedike will be celebrating Kannada Habba on Dec. 19 at Kalamandira. Kannada Vikasa Ratna Award will conferred on artist B. Kiran Kumar of Dhanagalli, Mysuru, according to a release.

Annual General Body Meeting

The Crescent Consumer Co-Operative Stores Ltd., will be holding its 77th Annual General Body Meeting on Dec. 22 at 10.30 am at the stores premises on Indira Gandhi Road, K.N. Pura, Udayagiri. The AGM will be held under the Chairmanship of Alhaj Mahmood Hassan Sait, according to a release.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

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Inflow	2,107 cusecs
Outflow	3,368 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,271.34 ft
Inflow	520 cusecs
Outflow	750 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,823.89 ft
Inflow	209 cusecs
Outflow	690 cusecs

August 2020 Talacauvery Landslide

Old cracks, contour trenches, heavy rains main causes: GSI

Experts' team submits primary report; blames excessive human intervention in eco-sensitive area

A distant view of landslide at Talacauvery in Kodagu. Picture right shows the actual landslide site.

Madikeri, Dec. 17 (PS, Akshay &BCT) - The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has submitted its primary report on the devastating landslip on the night of Aug. 5 this year where two houses at the foothills of Gajagiri Hill (Brahmagiri Hill Range) with its residents, including the chief priest of the Talacauvery Temple were swept away and vast swathes of coffee plantations were buried under the debris.

The 16-page report prepared by Kapil Singh and Kamal Kumar was submitted to the Kodagu District Administration recently. The team studied the landslide pattern after Kodagu DC requested it to do so and visited the landslide areas on Aug. 14 and 15.

The team was entrusted with the responsibility of assessment of the nature, causes, the future risk and vulnerability at the landslide sites and also suggesting remedial measures — both immediate and long term.

After extensive survey of the hill range and an analysis of the causes, the GSI team has opined that cracks caused by old landslides at Gajagiri Hill, multiple contour trenches made by the Department of Forest at the mid-slope for conservation of water, increased human interference in this ecologically sensitive area, unscientific road construction works and beyond normal rainfall caused the devastating landslip.

The team has pointed out that before the major landslide on Aug. 5 midnight, Gajagiri Hill had developed cracks as there were minor landslides earlier. Gajagiri Hill is a part of Brahmagiri Hill Range spread across Karnataka-Kerala border with Kodagu to the North and Wayanad to the South.

Vehicles damaged due to landslides.

Cracks (chasms) on the Gajagiri Hill were getting wider and deeper, thus posing a threat to the houses of priests located at the foot of the hill. This factor where the areas witnessed multiple reactivations was overlooked and thereby the land slid, the team opined.

The ground cracks and contour trenches dug by the Forest Department on the slope acted as pathway for water infiltration during heavy rains, which resulted in increased hydrostatic pressure. This resulted in decreased shear strength of the spot and triggered the reactivation of landslide spot, the team reported.

These contour trenches are aligned parallel to the crack that developed earlier. This has allowed infiltration of water into the overburdened material. Slope cut for road expansion have been left unsupported and these factors caused the land to slide, the GSI team mentioned in its report.

"Over 50 - 60 percolation pits and trenches were created there using excavators. Heavy machinery such as backhoes was used to level slopes for construction of structures, including stairways and car parking. The work, along with other activities in the area, led to loosening of the soil, which, in turn impacted the hill's natural drainage system. And a record rain of 172 mm on Aug. 4, 185 mm on Aug. 5 and 478mm on Aug. 6 was naturally the trigger for landslides," the GSI experts team report said.

Remedial measures suggested by GSI team

- Approach road to Talacauvery Temple should be designed in a way to withstand heavy rain.
- Appropriately designed retaining structures of suitable height with firm foundation are required to be erected from road level for checking slope failure.
- There should be proper and adequate drainage arrangements in the form of well-designed drains and culverts along the road to keep the slope well drained.
- Drainage system along the road should be supported by concrete work. Excavation on slope should not be allowed.
- Any trenches or cracks, if present on the slope should be monitored and filled up with impervious material to restrict any infiltration of water.
- The debris accumulated on the failure surface can be eased by proper benching and planting of deep rooted plants or vetiver grass.
- Disrupted drainage pathways should be restored or re-engineered to prevent future water build-up in the slide mass.
- Residents living in and around Brahmagiri Hills are advised to keep safe distance from the vulnerable slope and vacate the area, especially during heavy or prolonged rainfall.
- It is not advisable to rehabilitate this landslide-affected zone till the slope is stabilised to the best possible extent.

Gangs use social media to lay honey traps

Cases of blackmailers laying honey traps and hacking private images and videos on the rise

Mysuru, Dec. 17 (RK&BCT)- With evolving technology we are stumbling upon new faces online these days. Social media allows us to interact with people from different fields and different part of the world. The best part is we become friends easily with new people.

But relationships based on technological ties can sometimes put one in trouble if the person is not cautious about the way one conducts with others. The number of honey trap gangs has increased these days. The gang targets only men and interestingly, women are enlisted to set the trap. The gang extorts money by threatening them after taking nude pictures through video calls.

In the beginning, the honey trappers send friend requests from the profiles of girls. Once their friend requests are accepted, they will start sending messages to their inbox. They will make friends through obscene conversations. The trust of the victims will be gained by exposing nudeness through video calls. Meanwhile, the victims also share their nude pictures. After capturing it, the gang starts bargaining and threatening them.

Many such cases have been reported in Bengaluru Cyber Crime Police Station and the Mysuru City Police have received a couple of anonymous letters that carry information about certain gangs operating in Mysuru too trapping gullible people.

Senior Police officers say that in the chat accounts of social media, friend requests are sent from fake accounts. After texting for a while or for a few days, the woman, who is a part of the gang, makes a video call to the man on the other side of the call. By this time, they would have chatted for hours and familiarity grows.

After gaining the 'trust', the woman from the gang starts stripping off her clothes while encouraging the man on the video call to do the same. The man follows suit and has no idea that the call is being recorded. He readily strips. Then, with their naked video recordings as evidence, the gang blackmails the victim. These women normally pick early morning hours, but it can change depending on the victim's habits, which is closely monitored over days and weeks.

Once the victim falls into the trap, the beautiful woman would vanish from the scene. Then men will take over and they will demand large sums of money by threatening to send images and videos from the chat to family members and friends. As their reputation is at stake, nobody files a complaint, according to the Police.

The Police have warned that incidents of honey trap, targeting prominent people have been on the rise. Even if the culprits were tracked down, the chances of retrieving the money were bleak, they say.

All of the honey trap cases are on basic human weakness. Dangle bait, when someone takes a bite, reel them in and demand money to be released. In most cases, the video being played to arouse a victim, is either a pre-recorded one, or completely fake. There are enough online tools available online to stream a fake webcam video, Police say.

These criminals buy details of potential victims before trapping them. They also target people by hacking their e-mail accounts and accessing personal details, he said.

"Sections 292 and 354C of the IPC and Section 108 (1)(i)(a) of the Cr.PC can be imposed on culprits who threaten to make your private recordings or pictures in compromising position public and against the publishing of such content, say Police.

We are here to help: Police

Do not accept friend requests from unknown persons. Scamsters post fake profiles with photos of beautiful girls to lure the gullible. Do not pay money in case you fall victim. If the gang insists on money, report the incident to nearest Police Station or call 0821-2418339. If you feel embarrassed to lodge a complaint, discuss the case with senior Police officers.

—Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda,
DCP (Law and Order)

Lady CID officer commits suicide at friend's house

P.V. Lakshmi

Bengaluru, Dec. 17 (Agencies)- A lady CID officer in Bengaluru allegedly committed suicide last night. She is identified as P.V. Lakshmi. The Dy.SP-rank official was posted in the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in Bengaluru.

According to details available, the 33-year-old had gone to her friend's house last night for dinner. She ended her life there. She was found hanging from the ceiling in a room at 10.30 pm.

Lakshmi had joined CID after cracking the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) exams in 2014. She joined the CID in 2017. Police said that it is not known what caused the Cop to take this extreme step, adding that an investigation is underway. Her body has been sent for post-mortem.

Man ends life after wife wins GP election

Ningaraju

Chamarajanagar, Dec. 17 (SS&BCT)- Soon after a woman was elected unanimously as a Gram Panchayat (GP) Member in Chamarajanagar, her husband committed suicide.

Ningaraju's (27) wife Gagana was elected unanimously after which he threw a party. However, soon after, he allegedly committed suicide. Though the reason is unknown, sources say he was depressed over not having children even after four years of marriage.

The incident was reported from Doddarayapete near Chamarajanagar. Gagana was elected unanimously from Koodlooru Gram Panchayat. The seat was reserved for Scheduled Caste woman. No candidate had filed nominations against Gagana and she was declared a winner.

After winning the seat, Gagana and Ningaraju met Congress MLA Puttaranga Shetty in Chamarajanagar last Tuesday and thanked him for his support. The MLA too congratulated the couple for the victory. But after meeting the MLA, Ningaraju returned and hanged himself in his house. Though he was rushed to the hospital, the doctors declared him brought dead.

Relatives and friends told the Police that Ningaraju even threw a party after his wife won the elections and he was happy over her victory.

Ningaraju and Gagana had got married four years back and both were from different castes. Still, both were living harmoniously but Ningaraju was worried as he did not have children. He was depressed over this issue, stated Gagana in her statement to the Police. A case has been booked at Ramasamudra Police Station.

Woman, daughter end lives over son's bad habits

Salma Banu and daughter Shabana Banu

Pandavapura, Dec. 17 (KS)- Depressed over son's habit of consuming liquor, a 36-year-old woman and her 16-year-old daughter allegedly committed suicide by jumping into Hemavathi Canal at Amruti village in the taluk on Dec. 13.

The deceased are Salma Banu, wife of Khader and daughter Shabana Banu.

On Dec. 12, Salma Banu's son 18-year-old Shafiulla had gone to the birthday party of his friend. When he returned home late night, his mother found him drunk and advised him to mend his ways as he was young and had much life ahead.

But depressed over her son not listening to her, Salma Banu told her son "when you have such a bad habit in a young age, how can you take care of us in future?" This led to a wordy duel between the mother and son, it is learnt.

On Dec. 13 morning, Salma, along with her daughter Shabana, left home and reached Hemavathi canal at Kajjikoppal near Jakkanahalli and reportedly jumped into the canal and committed suicide.

A missing complaint was lodged at Melukote Police Station on Dec. 13 and the Police, who had launched a search, found the bodies of Salma and Shabana floating in the canal near Gangawadi in Nagamangala taluk yesterday.

Woman commits suicide

Nanjangud, Dec. 17 (RS&KS)- A 30-year-old woman, allegedly committed suicide by hanging self at her home in Devanur village in the taluk on Tuesday night.

The deceased is Gayathri, wife of Yogendra. The couple were married six months ago and Yogendra was selling fried items in the village for a living. A middle-man had told Yogendra that Gayathri was an orphan and had got them married, according to the Police. It is learnt that the couple were indulging in frequent fights and depressed over this, Gayathri is said to have committed suicide. Based on the complaint by villagers, Kavalande Sub-Inspector Mahendra has registered a case.

Will Ward Committees be a reality in Mysuru?

The role of *aam janta* is very important in democracy. The 74th Constitutional Amendment Act has provision to constitute Ward Committees in Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) with more than three lakh population. The Ward Committees were expected to act as an institutional space for participation of citizens in matters of urban local governance. The purpose of Ward Committees is to involve local populace in governance. Efforts by many Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) to have Ward Committees in their respective cities have been met with stiff opposition from Corporators as they see it as a stumbling block between them and ULB. In Mysuru, Dr. Bhamy V. Shenoy, a noted social activist and former Founding-Working President of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), has been working hard to create awareness among citizens on their rights. Talking to *Star of Mysore,* he expressed his unhappiness over delay in fulfilling the dream of Ward Committees in Mysuru. Excerpts. **— Ed.**

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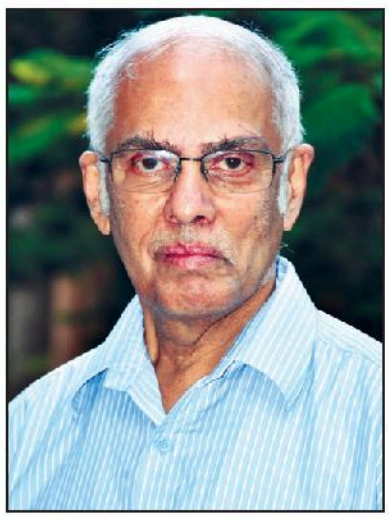

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> **—Dr. Bhamy V. Shenoy**
> *Social Activist, Mysuru*

By Shyam Sundar Vattam

Star of Mysore (SOM): Why should we have Ward Committees?

Bhamy V. Shenoy: When 74th amendment was adopted, the main goal of the Constitution was to decentralise the governance and to take it to the lowest possible. One way of achieving this was through formation of Ward Committees. Soon, the amendment was adopted.

SOM: How many Ward Committees will be there in each Ward?

Bhamy Shenoy: For each Ward, there will be one Ward Committee. For example, there are 195 Wards in Bengaluru City, so there are 195 Ward Committees. Besides Ward Committees, there will be Area Sabhas which should meet at least once or twice in a month. Suppose there is an Area Sabha in Yadavagiri, every one must get a chance to participate in it at least in one or two meetings in a month. This is how decentralisation takes place at people's level.

SOM: How important is the Ward Committee in democracy?

Bhamy Shenoy: When we have problems like water supply in our Ward, most of us do not know whom to approach. If garbage is not collected, street light is not working, if sewage is choked or power supply is not restored, people are not aware whom they should contact. When money is spent on development of parks or planting trees, nobody knows how that money is spent; how much is spent; which contractor executed the work or if bills are cleared. If Ward Committee is formed by involving concerned citizens, they can demand account of every work done in their Ward. As members of Ward Committees, they will have a right to seek details of expenditure.

SOM: Will Ward Committee work under Corporator or above him/ her?

Bhamy Shenoy: The Ward Committee will work under a Corporator who enjoys all power for the simple reason that he got elected in a democratic process. However, Ward Committee can hold him responsible. Now, the Corporators are held responsible only during the elections.

SOM: What is the composition of each Ward Committee and how are its members selected?

Bhamy Shenoy: In each Ward Committee, there will be 10 members of which two will belong to Scheduled Tribe (ST), two to Scheduled Caste (SC), three from NGOs and three women. They should be having minimum educational qualification and good background. The members are decided by the Selection Committee in the Corporation in which the Commissioner and the elected representatives will be there. They will decide on the members after verifying their education and background.

SOM: At the time of releasing funds to Mysuru City under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), the Government of India had put a condition that Ward Committee must be constituted to monitor works. Did Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) do it?

Bhamy Shenoy: This is unfortunate. In fact, after Mysuru was selected for JNNURM scheme and money came to MCC, we from MGP had a number of meetings with stakeholders. The MCC went ahead with its implementation without forming Ward Committees. Throughout the JNNURM works, we tried to hold them responsible but they never constituted Ward Committees. We got stakeholders involved in our meetings but nothing helped. Not all people supported our voice contending that they are working for elite and not for all.

SOM: Don't you think MCC must involve citizens in every project starting from its execution till the completion?

Bhamy Shenoy: For obvious reasons, they have involved outside people. There are many NGOs but not all of them have credibility. When some progressive Commissioners were here, they asked us to spare the services of experts to inspect projects. We have H.R. Bapu Satyanarayana, a retired Chief Engineer, who has expertise in quality control of roads. On many occasions, he was called to check the quality of works and sought his suggestion whether payment can be made to contractor or not. And it made a lot of difference when the road was laid. They used to call MGP to send experts to show the works executed by contractors and examine its quality. However, when it came to JNNURM works, a few Corporators were unhappy for awarding contract to Tatas as they refused to bribe elected representatives. Despite strong opposition from the Corporators, the MGP fully supported Tata Company as they are known for highest ideal and cannot be bribed. We batted for Tatas and in the process, I was almost beaten up. The *netas* feel that if outsiders come here, their nexus with the local contractors is broken. So they do not want Ward Committees.

SOM: Which are the cities that have Ward Committees?

Bhamy Shenoy: First one to have Ward Committees is Bengaluru, that too after a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) was filed. Second one was Mangaluru. According to my knowledge, they could not get enough number of citizens for 60 Ward Committees in Mangaluru. Members who filed the PIL are working very hard to get the sufficient number of citizens for the Committees. We wanted to have Ward Committees at least in some Wards. One-and-a-half-years ago, we contacted Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra and Narasimharaja MLA Tanveer Sait and requested them to have Ward Committees at least in a couple of Wards in their Constituencies. We tried to convince the MCC Commissioner but nothing came out. We wanted to show a model on the functioning of Ward Committees. Now we are planning to file a PIL in the High Court seeking direction to the MCC to compulsorily constitute Ward Committees so that Corporators cannot say no to it.

A photo of Area Sabha for representation only.

SOM: Why are the Corporators opposing it?

Bhamy Shenoy: Reason is that Ward Committee members are going to ensure zero leakage of funds without which the Corporators cannot face the election. So they are opposing it tooth and nail.

SOM: Can Ward Committee members convince the Corporators on projects and give suggestions?

Bhamy Shenoy: Out of the total 65 Corporators, can't we find 5 or 6 Corporators? With those, we can make a difference. I am optimistic that these people will stand up and argue on our behalf.

SOM: Why don't you write to Government of India on the role of Ward Committees in execution of projects?

Bhamy Shenoy: I think it is a sensible suggestion because Prime Minister's Office (PMO) builds up pressure. We should have done that. We need to create awareness among people that their role does not end after voting but till how the representative works. Since they are not ready to listen to us, we have no option except filing a PIL in High Court ■

30 percent of city MSMEs on the verge of closure

Unrelenting COVID contagion, spiralling raw material prices, back-to-back strikes main factors

Mysuru, Dec. 17 (BCT)- Over 30 percent of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), which are reeling under the impact of economic slowdown and COVID-19, are on the verge of closure by the end of this year, claim industry bodies at a meeting of industries associations of Mysuru including Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), Hebbal Industrial Estate Manufacturers Association (HIEMA), Mysore District Small Scale Industries Association (MDSSIA). The meeting was held at HIEMA office in Hebbal last evening.

Spiralling raw material cost

HIEMA Honorary Secretary C.M. Subramanian told *Star of Mysore* that since the last two to three weeks, there has been 35 to 50 percent increase in input and raw material costs.

"Usually, the normal profit for industries is around 10 percent. If the cost of input materials increased between 35 to 50 percent, it is impossible to supply finished products to customers. Most of the industries have entered into long-term contracts with customers and this steep increase in raw materials is driving them towards bankruptcy," Subramanian said.

Both Subramanian and MCCI President A.S. Satish were of the opinion that despite the Government claims that COVID pandemic has declined, industrial production has not looked up. "Our production depends on various other factors and we are dependent on other States for raw materials. Sadly for us, even the Government is not intervening and controlling the spiralling prices of raw materials," they said.

Banks debiting interest

Even banks and financial institutions have a role in the crisis faced by the MSMEs. "Banks have started debiting COVID-era interest and loan repayments since last month. This move will kill all the small and medium industries," they added.

"We are under financial obligation for payment of taxes, repayment of monthly instalments of loans taken from formal and informal sources, EMIs, water and electricity bills, payment of interest, payment of wages to the labour and various other payments," they said.

They appealed to State-level and apex industry bodies like Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI), Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to impress upon State and Central Governments to come to the rescue of MSMEs before they wind up business.

Get Building Licence in a Day

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The kiosk, manned by an Assistant Director, Town Planning Officer, Second Division Clerk, Typist and Attender, will be open from 10 am to 5 pm. Applications submitted before 1 pm will be scrutinised and licence will be issued on the same day.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Somashekar said 'Namma Mane - Namma Licence' has been introduced for the first time in the State to check delay in issuing licence and the menace of middlemen.

Those who indulge in corrupt practices while issuing licence would be transferred immediately.

Building Plan approval fee

- Inspection fee: Rs. 2.50 per sq. ft. of the total building size.
- Fee under Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act (KTCP Act) Column 18: Rs. 15 per sq. ft. for housing; Rs. 30 per sq. ft. for industry and Rs. 45 per sq. ft. for 45 for commercial.
- Commencement Certificate fee: Rs. 54 per sq. ft. for ground floor; Rs. 27 per sq. ft. for other floors.
- Labour Welfare Fund: 1 per cent if the cost of construction is above Rs. 10 lakh.

Where to submit application?

- MUDA has opened Over The Counter-S Kiosk next to Bank of Baroda in its premises.
- Building Plan and Land Use Certificate will be issued on the same day.
- All documents and certificates must be submitted after filling the application form available at the Kiosk.
- Eight copies of blueprint of building plan as per zonal regulation must be submitted along with application.
- All documents will be verified at the Kiosk. If they are sufficient, challan will be issued to pay the fee at Bank of Baroda counter within 30 minutes.
- The Bank receipt must be again submitted at the Kiosk.
- Building licence will be issued within one hour of submitting Bank receipt.

Documents to be submitted

1. Application in prescribed form.
2. Sanction letter/possession certificate/agreement copy /title deed/section certificate/gift deed.
3. Copy of khata.
4. Tax receipt of the current year.
5. Self-declaration of applicant in indemnity bond and certificate.
6. Certified copy of building plan approved by registered engineer.
7. Eight copies of proposed building plan.
8. Cost estimate of building (it should be less than Rs. 1 lakh per 10 sq. metres).
9. In case of extension of the existing building, the approved building plan, completion certificate and tax paid receipt.
10. Original building plan documents for renewal of licence.

5,000 COVID-19 tests conducted daily

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DHO sources also said that since a few days the turn out of public to Testing Centres had increased as the family members of symptomatic patients are forcing them to get tested.

Results of Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) was being given in an hour and the results of Reverse Transcriptase Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test was being given in 24 hours, sources added.

Officials said that the number of Testing Centres have been increased from July 8 and added that there will be no COVID-19 testing at the centre in Makkala Koota at Krishnamurthypuram on every Thursdays as the place is being used for immunisation programme for children. Testing will be conducted regularly at Town Hall, Dufferin Clock Tower and Government Hospitals.

COVID-19 testing at Town Hall in city this morning.

Road-cutters beware! MCC is watching

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Nagendra told *SOM* that unscientific cutting of developed roads cause problems for motorists. This menace was not only restricted to Kuvempunagar but also on JLB Road, New Kantharaj Urs Road, Devaraja Urs Road, Ramanuja Road, Chamundipuram, Jodi Tenginamara Road, Udayagiri, Akkamahadevi Road, Siddartha Layout, Brindavan Extension, Vijayanagar and other extensions. Written complaints given to the MCC or Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) have not yielded any result.

Nagendra said the MCC asphalts roads out of tax-payers money but lower rank officials connive with private persons and allow them to damage roads. Ultimately it is the general public who are put into hardship.

Siddu to attend 'Gram Adhikaar' convention in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec.17 (RKB&DM)- With Gram Panchayat (GP) polls round the corner, Opposition leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah will address 'Gram Adhikaar' convention of Chamundeshwari Assembly segment Congress Party workers in the city tomorrow (Dec.18).

Addressing party workers at Congress Bhavan near the City Railway Station here yesterday, former ZP President K.Marigowda said that Siddharamaiah will inaugurate the convention at the ground near Kalabyraveshwara Kalyana Mantapa in Aravindanagar at 11 am on Dec.18.

Pointing out that the convention will be a show of strength of the Congress ahead of GP polls, he said that the party workers should educate the rural masses on the welfare programmes for the poor such as Anna Bhagya and Ksheera Bhagya, initiated by the Congress Government headed by Siddharamaiah.

CESC public contact prog. tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec.17- The public contact programme of CESC (Chamundeshwari Electric Supply Corporation), Kuvempunagar Sub-Division, will take place at the office of the Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE), Kuvempunagar CESC Sub-division at 11 am on Dec.18. Power consumers coming under the Sub-Division can air their grievances and problems at the meeting and get them addressed. VV Mohalla Division Superintending Engineer (SE) and Executive Engineer (EE) will preside.

MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

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06518	Mangaluru	KSR Bengaluru	05.50	08.40	Fri, Sat & Sun	Fully reserved
06558	Mysuru	Bangarpet	05.50	08.43	6 days a week except Sunday	Unreserved
06504	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	06.45	09.35	Daily	Fully reserved
06229	Mysuru	Varanasi	07.20	09.55	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
02975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.40	12.55	Thu & Sat	Fully reserved
02578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.40	13.20	Friday	Fully reserved
06201	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30	14.00	Daily	Partially unreserved
06315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.50	16.35	Daily	Fully reserved
07307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	13.30	16.30	Daily	Fully reserved
02786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	15.15	17.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06535	Mysuru	Solapur	15.45	18.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	16.30	18.45	Daily	Fully reserved
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06236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	18.20	21.05	Daily	Fully reserved
06210	Mysuru	Ajmer	18.35	21.30	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
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06228	Talguppa	Mysuru	04.30	07.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	05.55	08.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06581	Hubballi	Mysuru	06.20	09.20	Daily	Fully reserved
02785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	06.45	09.40	Daily	Fully reserved
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02976	Jaipur	Mysuru	13.00	15.45	Wed & Fri	Fully reserved
06202	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	15.15	17.45	Daily	Partially unreserved
06503	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	18.15	21.05	Daily	Fully reserved
02577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	18.40	21.40	Thursday	Fully reserved
06557	Bangarpet	Mysuru	19.20	22.25	6 days a week except Sunday	Unreserved
06517	KSR Bengaluru	Mangaluru	20.30	23.05	Wed, Fri & Sun	Fully reserved
06230	Varanasi	Mysuru	23.30	02.15	Mon & Sat	Fully reserved

TOWARDS HUBBALLI AND BACK VIA HASSAN, ARSIKERE, DAVANGERE & HAVERI

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Mysuru Departure	Dharwad Arrival	Days of Service	
07301	Mysuru	Dharwad	22.30	08.05	Daily	Fully reserved
07302	Dharwad	Mysuru	20.50	07.05	Daily	Fully reserved

TOWARDS CHAMARAJANAGAR AND BACK

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service	
06220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	10.40 (Mysuru)	12.30	Daily	Fully Reserved
06223	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	12.35	14.35	Daily	Unreserved
06219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	15.10	16.45 (Mysuru)	Daily	Fully reserved
06234	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	17.00	18.40	Daily	Unreserved

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Decoding Mythology

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Radha Tantra

About 400 years ago, a Shakta text was composed in Sanskrit language, probably in Bengal. It was called *Radha Tantra*. It was a response to the rising tide of the Chaitanya Vaishnava movement, where Krishna is the supreme divine being and Radha is the subordinate.

From the 12th century onwards, we have seen the rise of Radha as a character, dominating the bevy of gopikas who dance around Krishna, thanks to the composition of *Geet Govind* by Jaydev, around the Puri temple. This song brings a tantrik flavour to the bhakti of Krishna. The inclusion of the erotic, at the time, was in direct contrast to the monastic Vedantic tradition that was spreading widely in Hinduism.

The *Radha Tantra*, composed a few centuries later, elaborates on this anti-monastic flavour. It talks of how Vishnu one day comes to Shiva and seeks a *Maha Mantra*. He gets it and chants it in Kashi, but it does not work. So, he returns to Kailash. This time, it is the Goddess who appears in front of him, for Shiva is absent. She appears as Tripura Sundari or Maha Maya, a combination of Laxmi, Saraswati and Durga, Goddesses of wealth, knowledge and power. She tells Vishnu that using the *Mantra* is not enough as it only works on the mind. He also needs to do the *Kaula* practice. A practice which involves secret rites with his partner. In other words, he has to use the body, *tanu*, and hence, practice *tantra*. So, the *Mantra* is not just about contemplating and meditating; but it is also about performing rituals. For this, he needs a *Yantra*, an instrument. She explains to him all the rituals he needs to perform. She also gives him a beautiful, lotus garland. This lotus garland Vishnu takes to *Vaikuntha*. It then falls on earth, at Vrindavan, the fragrant tulsi forest on the banks of the dark Yamuna river, and transforms into Radha.

Vrindavan is the place where the hair of Sati had fallen, when Shiva carried her corpse in his grief. Vrindavan is where the lotus garland falls and Radha is born. She then awaits the arrival of Vishnu in his mortal form, Krishna. Krishna arrives here and encounters the older, wiser Radha and falls in love. There is playful banter between them, which leads to her becoming his guru in the tantric rites. She teaches him all the *Kaula* rituals and he becomes the wise one.

This is a very different story compared to what is written in the *Bhagvata Purana*. In the *Bhagvata Purana*, Krishna returns to Mathura and Radha weeps. In the *Radha Tantra*, Radha returns to her own celestial Shakta heaven. It is Krishna who stays behind and performs his duties in Mathura and Dwarka. He then returns to *Vaikuntha* and reunites with his beloved Radha in Goloka.

In the *Radha Tantra*, now sidelined and actively suppressed by the popular monastic bhakti movements, sexuality is given a lot of importance. The word *"bhag"*, which usually means a fissure or a cut, is a tantrik metaphor for the *vulva*, hence Goddess. Thus, *"bhagavat"* is seen as someone who lays claim to the Goddess. To create a portion *(bhaag)* of the whole *(poorna)* you need to make a cut *(bhag)*. The portions that Vishnu-Krishna has, thanks to his access to the Goddess, includes qualities like fame, wealth, knowledge, beauty and attractiveness. These qualities make him *Bhagawan*.

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MUDA plans Township at Lalithadripura

Mulls 2,500 single, double-bedroom flats

Mysuru, Dec.17 (YDS&SSV)- Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) is mulling developing a Township at Lalithadripura in the foot of Chamundi Hill.

In this connection, Co-operation and District Minister S.T. Somashekar and MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev along with a team of officials inspected the spot yesterday *[see pic]*.

Later, talking to media, the Minister said the MUDA is working out a plan to go for the construction of flats in Mysuru on the lines of Bengaluru and sell it at affordable price. On 22 acres available in Lalithadripura, it was possible to construct 2,500 flats of single and double-bedrooms.

Under Group Housing Scheme in Bengaluru, three-bedroom flats were initially sold at Rs.25 lakh and now the rates have shot up to Rs. 40 lakh - Rs.50 lakh per flat. In the wake of this, a similar scheme was being launched in Mysuru too, he added.

Quality houses at affordable price

Somashekar said around 85,000 persons have applied to MUDA seeking allotment of sites. As it was not possible to distribute sites to all of them they would be distributed with apartments at affordable price.

Quality would not be compromised at any cost, he said and added that Urban Development Minister Byrathi Basavaraj will be requested to come here in next two weeks to give his approval for the MUDA proposal.

Flats for MIG category

Rajeev said the MUDA has plans to distribute houses at affordable price to general and Middle Income Group (MIG) persons. Sufficient information regarding the advantages in going for multi-storey apartment complexes had been collected from officials of Bangalore Development Authority during his visit to Bengaluru recently.

Since, the Group Housing Scheme had been quite successful in Bengaluru, a similar scheme would be launched here too. The places for having multi-storey apartment complexes would also be decided, he added.

After I became MUDA Chairman, I visited several places reserved for Group Housing Scheme. One among them has been Lalithadripura. Then I decided that this place is ideal for this scheme due to beautiful weather and scenic beauty of Chamundi Hill. Already, basic facilities like UGD, drinking water and roads are available. A Detailed Project Report (DPR) will be prepared and sent to State Government for approval. My endeavor is to make flats affordable for people belonging to upper middle and middle income group.

—MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev

I have seen leaking roofs of Housing Board and Slum Board houses. That should not happen here. Mysureans will definitely like quality houses at affordable price. Infrastructure should be so good that the coming generation must remember.

— District Minister S.T. Somashekar

Writer Prof. K.S. Bhagawan urges Govt. to install D. Devaraj Urs Statue in Mysuru

Mysuru, Dec.17 (PM&DM)- Senior writer Prof. K.S. Bhagawan has urged the Government to install the statue of former Chief Minister D. Devaraj Urs in Mysuru before his (Urs) next birth anniversary on Aug.20,2021.

He was speaking at a seminar on the thoughts of D. Devaraj Urs, organised jointly by D. Devaraj Urs Prathime Prathistapana Samithi and Mysuru City and District Congress at Congress Bhavan near the City Railway station here on Tuesday.

Noting that the statue of Devaraj Urs cannot be found anywhere in the State, Prof. Bhagawan said that all efforts will be made for the installation of the statue of the late Chief Minister, who is a native of Mysuru district.

Pointing out that it has been proposed to install the statue of Devaraj Urs at the junction of Devaraj Urs Road and Maharani's Science College on JLB Road, he said that a memorandum has been submitted in this regard to the District Minister, who has responded positively.

Stating that the statue of the former Chief Minister should come up in the city at the earliest, he reiterated that he will press the Government for installing the statue before the next birth anniversary of Urs that falls on Aug. 20, 2021. Recalling the relentless efforts made by the former CM for the upliftment of backward classes and micro-communities, he said that Urs was a national personality and the installation of his statue will be a small gratitude for him.

Maintaining that Devaraj Urs was a voracious reader and had a good collection of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's works at his home, Prof. Bhagawan regretted that most of the current crop of politicians do not have reading habit and this has rendered building a new and informed society difficult. Recalling the concerns that the late Chief Minister had for the poor, he said that Urs should be credited for the birth of a new era in Karnataka.

Referring to Anti-Cow Slaughter Bill, Prof. Bhagawan observed that our farmers and the rural folk always think in practical terms. Pointing out that farmers are not the ones who get carried away emotionally, he said that a farmer knows the hardship of taking care of aged and sick cows.

Maintaining that those who have not reared cattle in their lifetime are now raising their voice for introducing Anti-Cow Slaughter Bill, he said that the farmer knows better than anyone else in this world on the hardships of taking care of useless and sick cattle.

Senior Congress leader and former Mysore Paints and Varnish Ltd., Chairman H.A. Venkatesh in his address, said that the initiatives launched by Devaraj Urs awakened the poor and the downtrodden. Asserting that the Land Reforms Act introduced by Urs was a revolutionary step, he said that the Act helped over 7.50 lakh agricultural labourers become land owners.

Noting that the 1970s was widely known as the era of Devaraj Urs, he said that Urs always stood for the cause of farmers and the oppressed sections of the society.

Earlier, floral tributes were offered to the portrait of D. Devaraj Urs.

District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, Chutuku Sahitya Parishat's Dr. M.G.R. Urs, former Health Department Director Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar, Urs Prathime Pratishtapana Samithi President Zakir Hussain, Convenor Dairy Venkatesh, Prof. Shabana, Maddikere Gopal, Ursu Mahasabha President Nandish Urs and others were present on the occasion.

WORD OF THE DAY

Misbegotten

Pronunciation: mis-bi-got-n.
Meaning: Badly conceived, made, or carried out.
Origin: Misbegotten "badly conceived, made, or carried out," is hard to figure out from its component parts. Misbegotten is made up of the prefix mis– "wrongly, incorrectly," from the Germanic prefix missa– "astray, wrong" (from the same root as the verb miss "to fail to hit or strike"), as in Gothic missadeths "transgression, offense," which occurs in Old English as misdǽd and in English as misdeed. Begotten is the past participle of beget, which comes from the Old English verb begietan "to get, acquire," which since the second half of the 14th century has meant "to generate offspring; produce as an effect." Beget is a compound of the prefix be-, a Germanic prefix originally meaning "about, around, on all sides," with many other meanings, but here having a figurative sense (as also with befall, begin, behave). The verb get is from Old Norse geta "to get, be able to, beget, engender." Misbegotten entered English in the first half of the 16th century in the sense "illegitimate child."
Example: It is long past time to end U.S. support for this misbegotten and unwinnable war. —Editorial Board, "End U.S. Support For This Misbegotten And Unwinnable War," Washington Post, August 18, 2018

THE ODD WORD

Macropicide

Killer of kangaroos.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A sledgehammer to crack a nut

Meaning: To use 'a sledgehammer to crack a nut' means to use disproportionate force or expense to overcome a minor problem.
Origin: Sledgehammers are large iron hammers that were first used in England in the 15th century. These weren't tools to hammer sledges, the little ice trolleys with runners that the young Citizen Kane was so fond of. 'Sledge' was the original name of this form of hammer, so 'sledgehammer' is something of a tautology. 'Sledging' has recently reappeared as a verb form in the previously refined and gentle world of cricket, where it means the browbeating and harassment of the batsman by the fielders.
'Sledges' were an English invention but this phrase wasn't - it first saw the light of day in 1850s America. 'A sledgehammer to crack a nut' is one of the many versions of the phrase, the others having faded into disuse. The spelling of 'sledgehammer' hasn't yet settled down and is still making the usual progression of hyphenated word pairs, that is, from 'sledge hammer' to 'sledge-hammer' and eventually 'sledgehammer'. The OED prefers the hyphen, but 'sledgehammer' is now the more common form.

QUOTE BOX

If life were predictable it would cease to be life, and be without flavor.

—Eleanor Roosevelt

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

MINUTE

Answer: In a minute.

SUDOKU

		8			7			
2	6	7	8		5			
				3				2
		9				2	4	
5								7
	8	1				9		
6				5				
			4		9	5	2	1
			1			4		

Answer to previous puzzle

4	9	6	5	1	2	3	8	7
3	7	1	9	6	8	4	2	5
8	2	5	4	3	7	1	9	6
6	4	9	1	5	3	2	7	8
1	8	2	6	7	9	5	4	3
5	3	7	8	2	4	9	6	1
9	1	4	7	8	5	6	3	2
7	5	3	2	9	6	8	1	4
2	6	8	3	4	1	7	5	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

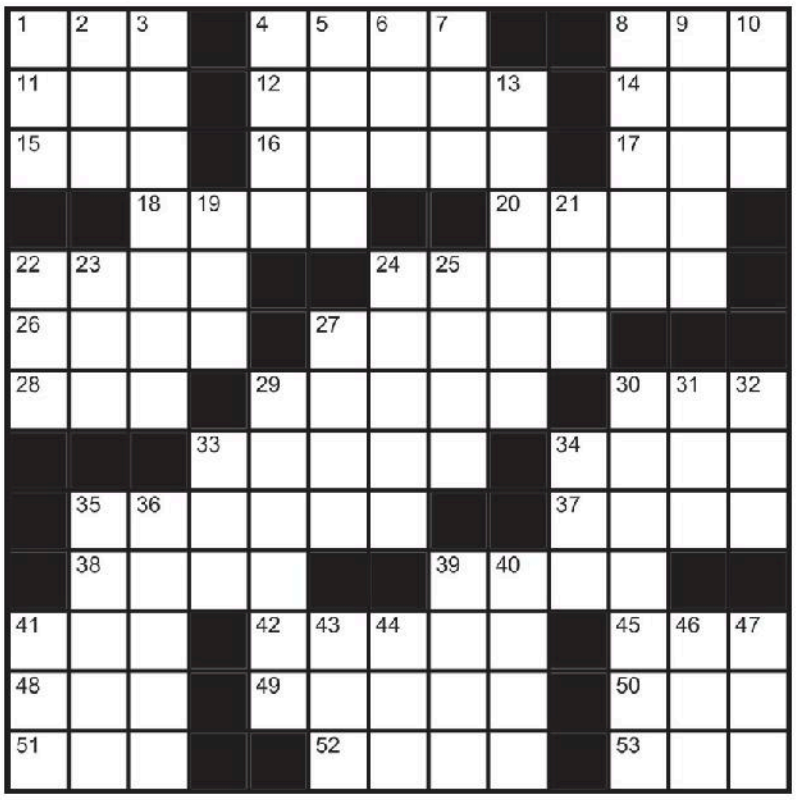
1 Tap gently
4 Egyptian symbol of life
8 Tech. Std. Order
11 Chinese principle
12 Cricketer Binny
14 And so on abbr.
15 Hormone replacement therapy, abbr.
16 High in rank or birth
17 Static Air Temp.
18 Prepare the food
20 Prison room
22 Ms Parekh of Bollywood
24 New World Symphony composer
26 Sharpen
27 __ __ ruins : be overthrown or fallen? (3,2)
28 ___ Beatty : famous Hollywood actor?
29 Courteous
30 Church seat
33 Commonplace
34 Change position
35 One of the four in a year
37 To _ ___ : everybody? (1,3)
38 Lacking strength
39 Bring to a halt
41 Peak, craggy mountain top
42 Arm joint
45 Loutish dolt
48 Le Dernier ___ : the last word (Fr.)
49 Sun hat - "a rite" changed?
50 Employ or avail of
51 Fruit drink
52 With which a bullock may gore one?
53 Surface layer of ground containing a matt of grass and grass roots

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

J	A	R			P	E	A		A	L	G	A
I	K	E			L	C	D		B	U	R	R
M	A	D	E	G	O	O	D		A	L	A	E
		N	E	E	D	L	E	S	S	L	Y	
W	H	O	L	E		I	N	C	H			
H	E	S					D	U	E	T	S	
O	B	E	R	O	N		A	D	D	I	N	G
	E	D	E	M	A				D	I	A	
		S	E	R	B		D	R	I	P	S	
	I	R	O	N	M	A	I	D	E	N		
H	O	A	R		A	B	E	T	T	E	R	S
U	N	I	T		D	E	E		S	O	T	
F	A	D	S		A	L	E		S	I	P	

DOWN

1 Cable TV alternative
2 ___ Paar: 1954 Guru Dutt movie
3 Bungled or blundered
4 Florentine river
5 Secluded corner
6 Soviet secret police
7 Norse goddess
8 Unit of magnetic flux density
9 Pursue stealthily
10 Tenth month, in short
13 Flinch or quail
19 Cereal grass
21 Sea-eagle variant
22 Bristle of barley
23 The name of a book by Rider Haggard
24 Long low bed or seat
25 Fabric face covering
27 Type of floor covering
29 Coffin
30 Pretentious, bombastic
31 Actress Longoria
32 Cyst
33 Bleat of a sheep
34 China's ex-Chairman
35 Duelling blade
36 Frighteningly weird
39 Rise rapidly
40 One of a pair
41 Terminal Control Area, abbr.
43 J&K district
44 Brother, in short
46 Kyushu mountain
47 Gave food to



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

YQ HEYOR BI ODR TBHO BI ZYUYQK,

YO'H HOYZZ EBEFZVA

TODAY'S CLUE: K EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.

Hockey India to conduct online course for aspiring coaches

New Delhi, Dec. 17- Hockey India yesterday announced that they will conduct the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (online) through the virtual medium and interested applicants can enrol via the open forum [Link: *https://forms.gle/PsnoHa9HYDKtYvhL8]*.

Only 60 slots will be available for the online course. Candidates will be chosen through a first-cum-first-serve basis and minimum criteria to apply requires an interested applicant to have Coached either a district, school or university hockey team for at least 3 years or he or she should have played National level / All India University level for at least 3 years.

The Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway which was launched in March last year is a simplified education structure that consists of a combination of web-based modules and face-to-face interactive courses, underpinned by a competency-based assessment process, which helps the Coaches in progressing to higher levels.

Candidates who successfully pass the Hockey India Level 'Basic' Coaching Course would become eligible to attend the Hockey India Level '1' Coaching Course in the future. There is no participation fee to attend Hockey India Level 'Basic' Coaching Course (Online). Only those candidates who successfully complete the Hockey India Level '1' Coaching Course will be provided the necessary certification.

A simplified education structure, the Hockey India Coaching Education Pathway, The Pathway is divided into 7 levels: Hockey India Level 'Basic', Hockey India Level '1', Hockey India Level '2', FIH Level 1, FIH Level 2, FIH Level 3 and FIH High Performance. The course aims to help in developing coaches from the grassroots level into world-class coaches of the high performance/international level. Once a candidate progresses from the Hockey India Levels, they are then eligible to enrol for the FIH Academy Level 1 Course, and so on.

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 18)

- **Ganabharathi:** Nagaswara concert by Vid. Melukote M.G. Shreedhar and M.Y. Nagesh, accompanied on tavil by Vid. H.C. Rajesh and Vid. M.V. Ajay Kumar, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Drama:** Staging of play 'Ondu Bogase Neeru' by Ranga Smruti, Mysuru, (Written by Rajappa Dalavayi; Directed by Naveen Netaji), Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm [Mob: 99643-93393].**

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	(S-4)	6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
Indoo Ki Jawani (H)	(S-1)	7.20 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	11 am, 1.40 pm, 4.15 pm
Act-1978 (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm, 7.15 pm
		9.55 pm
Corona Virus (Te)	(S-2)	7.30 pm
Sadhane Shikara (K)		
Pursoth Rama (K)	(S-2)	1.55 pm, 4.40 pm

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Indoo Ki Jawani (H)	(S-1)	10.25 am, 4.05 pm, 9.55 pm
Pursoth Rama (K)	(S-3)	5.40 pm
Sadhane Shikara (K)	(S-3)	3.00 pm
Tenet (E)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 2.05 pm,
		5.30 pm, 9.00 pm
	(S-3)	9.45 pm
Act-1978 (K)	(S-3)	11.30 am
	(S-1)	1.10 pm, 6.55 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

Goal from penalty spot helps ATK Mohun Bagan beat Goa

Mohun Bagan's Roy Krishna in action against Goa in yesterday's ISL clash at Margao in Goa.

Margao, Dec. 17- Mohun Bagan strengthened their position towards the top of the 2020-21 Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) standings after a 1-0 win over FC Goa at the Fatorda Stadium yesterday with Roy Krishna scoring the only goal from the penalty spot late in the second half.

Mohun Bagan looked to press Goa high up the pitch and were territorially superior despite being second best in terms of possession. It took 28 minutes for either side to register the first shot of the game on target.

Antonio Lopez Habas' men were also inches away from taking the lead in the 40th minute after David Williams controlled a diagonal ball brilliantly to set himself up for a powerful left-footed shot from range that rattled the post.

However, they couldn't quite break the deadlock as both sides went into the break goalless and ATK Mohun Bagan's record of not scoring in the first half this season remained intact.

Mohun Bagan were the better team for much of the match despite Goa hogging possession of the ball. Goa failed to register a single shot on target in the first half as Bagan nullified their attacking threat and controlled the midfield.

Goa began the second half with some attacking intent, but it was Mohun Bagan that hit the target first courtesy of a direct freekick by Williams in 54th minute that the goalkeeper saved comfortably. The Gaurs registered their first effort of the game on target a few minutes later when Alberto Noguera headed a cross from the right into the goalkeeper's hands.

Just as it looked like the game might be heading for a goalless draw, Kolkata got a golden chance to break the deadlock from the penalty spot after Aiban Dohling mistimed a tackle in the box.

Bagan won a penalty just over five minutes after Goa claimed a spot kick themselves. Krishna went down in the box after an ill-timed tackle from substitute Aibanbha Dohling. Krishna stepped up to the spot and finished powerfully into the bottom left corner to make it 1-0 for Mohun Bagan.

Goa brought on Brandon Fernandes and Jorge Ortiz Mendoza, whose arrivals provided them some much needed impetus.

Goa though weren't about to go down without a fight and threw men forward in their bid to score a late leveller. The shots from distance by Edu Bedia and Saviour Gama aside, Goa didn't really test Mohun Bagan's goalkeeper much in the closing stages.

Bagan, however, spent a nervy last few minutes as FC Goa peppered their box with crosses and shots. Goa defender Saviour Gama took a shot from well outside the box. The ball was travelling towards goal and it took a brilliant dive from Arindam Bhattacharja to tip it over the bar.

Hero of the Match: Carl McHugh; **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Pronay Halder (ATK Mohun Bagan).

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Today's Match (Dec. 17)

ODISHA
Vs
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GMC Stadium
Bambolim, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Tomorrow's Match (Dec. 18)

NORTHEAST UNITED
Vs
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Tilak Maidan Stadium
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Yesterday's Result

ATK MOHUN BAGAN - 1
beat
GOA - 0

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NOTE :

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